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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES
Newport News, VA

Issue Date: 25 September 2024

Case No.: 2022-FDA-00004

In the Matter of:

RUDY HOWELL,
Complainant,

v.

PERDUE FARMS, INC.,
Respondent.

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING AND SCHEDULING ORDER

On September 20, 2024, the parties filed a joint motion for amended scheduling order, including rescheduling the hearing. The parties reported that the additional time was needed to allow for adjudication of Respondent's constitutional challenges in Federal district court. *See Watts v. Perdue Farms, inc.*, No. 2016-FDA-00003; *Perdue Farms, Inc. v. Su, et al*, No. 5:24-CV-00477-BO (E.D.N.C.).

Because both parties agree to the extensions of time, I will grant the joint motion. This is also the third time the parties have moved to continue the hearing, making it the fourth scheduled hearing dates. **No further continuances of the hearing or**

amendments to the scheduling order will be granted absent direction by an Article III court or by extraordinary cause shown by the parties.

IT IS ORDERED that the joint motion to amend the scheduling order and reschedule the hearing is GRANTED and AMENDED as follows:

1. The parties shall complete discovery no later than **March 7, 2025**;
2. The parties may file dispositive motions no later than **April 4, 2025**, and responses to motions are due 14 days after the motions are filed;
3. The parties shall exchange exhibit and witness lists, stipulations, pre-hearing statements, and exhibits no later than **April 28, 2025**; and
4. The parties shall file exhibit and witness lists, exhibits, pre-hearing statements, and evidentiary objections no later than **May 16, 2025**, and responses to evidentiary objections are due within 14 days of filing.¹
5. The hearing is continued to commence at **9:00 a.m. each day the week of June 23-27, 2025, in Fayetteville, North Carolina**, until completed. The specific hearing location will be designated in a subsequent Notice of Location. A request for a continuance due to a prior judicial setting or other existing conflict must be filed within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this notice.

¹ In all other respects, the instructions set forth in the Order Rescheduling Hearing and Amended Scheduling, dated January 30, 2024, remain in effect.

SO ORDERED.

PAMELA A. KULTGEN
Administrative Law Judge

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Newport News, Virginia

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